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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING WARSAW PACT MEETING

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE SHOULD BE DRAWN UPON IN NAC OR POLADS IF THE APRIL 17-18 MEETING OF WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (PCC) SHOULD PUBLICLY RETURN TO THEME OF EVENTUAL DISSOLUTION OF ALLIANCE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY EUROPEAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IN AFTERMATH OF CSCE.

2. THIS WEEK'S WARSAW PACT MEETING MAY USE THE OCCASION TO RECALL THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 11 OF THE WARSAW PACT WHICH
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STATES THAT SHOULD A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY BE

ESTABLISHED IN EUROPE, THE WARSAW TREATY "SHALL CEASE TO BE OPERATIVE FROM THE DAY THE GENERAL EUROPEAN TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE." THE PCC MAY ALSO REFER BACK TO ITS 1966 BUCHAREST DECLARATION WHICH REITERATED THE WARSAW PACT'S READINESS TO SEE BOTH ALLIANCES LIQUIDATED SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS LESS LIKELY TO EMPHASIZE THE BUCHAREST DECLARATION'S ASSERTION THAT IT IS FEASIBLE "EVEN NOW TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE LIQUIDATION OF THE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS OF BOTH THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND THE WARSAW TREATIES." THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE PACT HAVE BECOME

MORE IMPORTANT TO THE USSR IN RECENT YEARS AND THE

DISSOLUTION OF THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE EMPHASIZED EVEN IN PROPAGANDA STATEMENT.

3. SHOULD PCC MAKE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO

EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF ALLIANCES BY A EUROPEAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, WE BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD CONSULT ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE THAT COULD BE MADE IN CAPITALS AND PERHAPS BY NATO SPOKESMAN TO PRESS INQUIRIES. IN EVENT OF SUCH A WARSAW PACT PRONOUNCEMENT, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE RESPONDING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES BUT WOULD WELCOME ALLIED VIEWS:

A. THREAT TO ALLIED SECURITY DOES NOT STEM FROM WARSAW PACT AS SUCH BUT RATHER FROM MASSIVE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS, EQUIPPED WITH MOST MODERN WEAPONRY, IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.

B. DISSOLUTION OF WARSAW PACT WOULD NOT AFFECT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THESE SOVIET FORCES ARE DEPLOYED.

C. WE HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDERWAY WILL LEAD TO MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTIONS IN WARSAW PACT AND NATO FORCES DEPLOYED IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

D. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE ALLIANCE AND NATO'S INTEGRATED DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER
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